

UTTOSETER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Eastfield,
Uttoseter.
14th December 1943.

Gentlemen,

I again have the honour of presenting my Annual Report for the Urban District of Uttoseter for the year 1942.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of the district is 3351 acres.

The resident population has been estimated at 7110, which is 108 less than the previous year.

The number of inhabited houses is 2010.

The rateable value is £35949 and the nett sum produced by a penny rate is £136.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 133 live births in and belonging to the district, 71 boys and 62 girls. Of these there were 6 illegitimate births. This is a birthrate of 18.7 per 1000 resident population. There were 8 stillbirths.

There were 77 deaths which gives a death rate of 10.8. There were not any deaths from puerperal sepsis or other puerperal causes, nor were there any from measles, whooping cough or other infectious diseases. There were 3 deaths from infantile diarrhoea and 11 from cancer, the other chief causes were brain diseases 11, heart diseases 18, pneumonia and bronchitis 10.

Infantile Mortality. There were 7 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality death rate of 52.6 compared with 49, the rate for England and Wales. None of the infantile deaths occurred in illegitimate children.

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

NURSING.

Home general nursing is undertaken by the two district nurses who also attend the schools and various clinics in the district.

The midwifery nursing is done by a resident midwife and one residing outside the area, who share the work.

The school clinic, antenatal and child welfare centres are arranged by the County Council under the management of Dr. Cruickshank.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the County Laboratory at Stafford as usual and are made full use of.

There are not any Hospitals in the district but the Royal Infirmaries at Hartshill and Derby and the Infirmaries at Stafford and Burton are within easy distance by ambulance.

The Ambulance facilities are good. There is a town ambulance, also one lent by Messrs. C. H. Elkes & Sons. In addition, there is a Red Cross ambulance available when required.

Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases is provided by arrangement with the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board at their hospitals at Wiscage, Cheslyn Hay or Stafford, using their ambulance for conveyance.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The water supply available for the district is unchanged.

The sewerage and sewage disposal is carried out as usual.

Both of these will require further extension in the event of the population increasing after the War.

FOOD.

MILK. The collecting of samples of milk supplies and testing is undertaken by the County Council.

MEAT. There are two slaughter houses which are visited regularly and the meat inspected as usual.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the following notifications of infectious diseases have been received:-

Scarlet Fever 12, Diphtheria 2 and 1 occurring in a non-civilian patient, and all in adults of 19 to 30 years of age, Erysipelas 1 and Measles 8.

There have also been slight epidemics of rumps and Chicken-pox.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

About 520 children have been immunised during the year at the various schools and clinics, but as many children from the rural districts come into the schools in the town, it is impossible to say what percentage have received treatment.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No action has been required under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations.

Four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year, two males aged 46 and 58, and two females aged 40 and 20.

There has been one death from pulmonary tuberculosis and one from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, which gives a death rate of .28 for tuberculosis diseases.

Yours faithfully,

G. HEYWOOD HERBERT.

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